

**Lewis and Clark County Mental Health Local Advisory Council's
Steering Committee
PureView Conference Room
1930 Ninth Avenue, Helena, MT
Friday, December 14, 2018, 9:00am**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Jill Steeley called the meeting to order early at 8:30 am.

Members in Attendance: Jill Steeley (Chair), Matt Furlong (Vice Chair), John Wilkinson (Past Chair), and Drenda Niemann.

Others in Attendance: Representative Mary Ann Dunwell.

Staff Support in Attendance: Jocelyn Olsen and Kellie McBride.

2. Application Review

Applications were received from Bob Stewart, Delmar Schubring, Vannesha Yang, and Jess Hegstrom. The Committee agreed to present three applications to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment and table the fourth application for review at a later date.

3. Interested Individuals

A woman who attended the Legislative Forum, which occurred prior to this meeting, voiced her interest in joining the LAC as a family member. Her husband, Bill Hallinan, would also qualify.

The Committee mentioned Brandy Vail, Clinical Program Manager at Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC), as a potential member of the LAC. Brandy is highly involved in the community as well as the LAC and would be a great asset.

The Committee reviewed the entirety of the LAC membership list and identified members who have not been active. Encouragement to attend will be reiterated.

ACTION: Matt will speak with Molly Protheroe to determine her role on the LAC and encourage her to attend meetings as an Interested Party. Jill will revisit with Adam from Narrate Church to determine his interest in joining the LAC. John will revisit with Marita to encourage her to apply for an LAC position. Andy Hunthausen and Jill will reach out to the Mayor to determine his involvement.

4. Resource Guide Update

The Helena IR agreed to take on the design and layout of the resource guide and will insert 10,000 copies in the newspaper on December 23, 2018. The IR will also print another 5,000 copies for the LAC to distribute at will.

The Committee explored the idea of having the IR write an article in the paper to further publicize the resource card.

A crisis card is also being created. Individuals may personalize this card to help in emergency situations such as a mental health crisis. The hope is that this may also be a resource useful to therapists when creating safety plans.

ACTION: Drenda will speak with Gail about asking their point of contact if someone from the IR would meet with a Committee member to write an article.

5. Introduction of Representative Mary Ann Dunwell

The LAC Steering Committee was introduced to the representative and her mental health bill was discussed. Members of the LAC are encouraged to testify, educate regarding science based information, and lobby if possible.

6. Criminal Justice Oversight Committee (CJOC)

This committee was mentioned multiple times in the Legislative forum prior to this meeting. Concerns were voiced regarding the structure and leadership of the CJOC and how gaps in mental health and substance abuse treatment could be addressed.

7. Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20am.